

## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **SB 3435 – HB 3387**

March 23, 2006

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Permits students to graduate from alternative schools if the school has met all applicable standards and such program of studies is in the best interest of the student. Requires the State Board of Education to provide a curriculum for alternative schools to ensure students receive specialized attention in order to maximize student success.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

##### **Increase State Expenditures - \$45,000 One-Time/Dept. of Education**

###### Assumptions:

- Any cost to the State Board of Education (SBE) to promulgate rules for the specialized curriculum for alternative education is estimated to be not significant and can be carried out with existing staff resources. (The SBE may want to appoint a commission/taskforce to develop new standards based on the latest research and strategies. The cost of a 10 member taskforce meeting four times a year would be approximately \$10,000.)
- The Department of Education would be required to develop such specialized curriculum and would need approximately \$45,000 to contract out for such services.
- There should be no increased cost associated with allowing a student to graduate from an alternative school if that student was graduating from another school in the district.

#### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director